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Postal Regulatory Commission
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Dear Chairman: *Goldway:*

POSTAL REGULATORY
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

The U.S. Postal Service has posted the final determination to "close" our Milledgeville Post Office in Milledgeville, OH 43142.

We vehemently oppose this closing and are appealing to the Postal Commission to continue to allow our village post office to operate with the same services that are currently provided on a daily basis.

We find the alternate service, offered by the Postal Service for Milledgeville, OH 43142, to be unacceptable. It does not provide a maximum degree of regular and effective service to our rural area.

Our community feels that we have been discriminated against. Our post office sold hundreds of dollars of postal products every year until 2008. The Postmaster at our office had standing orders for Philatelic Stamp Yearbooks every year. After 2008, we were told that if we wished to purchase any of these retail products, we would have to resort to buying them at the larger post offices. Then three years later, we found out that they had performed a study on how much revenue the post office had taken in over the past three years. You should be able to understand why we are upset with this decision since a major source of revenue was taken away from us. We can now see why they took those sales away from us. They wanted to close our post office and this was a way to justify it on paper.

I sent a question concerning this issue to Ms. Chu Falling Star, District Manager, Cincinnati District, and she did not answer the question that was asked. She noted in her response, though, that and I quote, "The Postal Service relies on the sale of postage, products, and services to fund its operations. Nothing would please us more than to have businesses and customers increase their use of U.S.P.S. products and services to avoid future office closures." My response to this is, "How can you support your post office, when you took those sales away from our post office?"

At our earlier meeting in September, 2011, we were given a map showing where we could purchase stamps and other services provided by the U.S.P.S. It's amazing that your mileage is much closer than it actually is to these post offices! Once again, we have been provided with false information!

The Village of Milledgeville, the Village of Octa, and the Jasper Township Trustees, all government agencies, use this post office and receive their mail here.

The decision to combine our post office with the Jeffersonville Post Office, 43128 will cause Milledgeville to lose its identity and we strongly oppose this action. The Postmaster plays an important role in our community. Many of our residents do not drive or have checking accounts. They rely on the post office for many of their day-to-day business needs. The postmaster issues numerous money orders to the residents of both Milledgeville and Jasper Township. These citizens will suffer hardships by this decision because they will no longer be able to walk to the post office and complete their business.

Our small post office represents the federal government to our residents and its hard for us to understand the reasoning behind this decision made by the U.S.P.S. We understand the financial hardships the Postal Service is facing. However, it is still against the law to close a post office that is not financially self-sustaining.

So, again today, we are appealing the Postal Service's decision to have our office closed. Please find an enclosed list of names and addresses of people who use this post office and are against this closing.

We appreciate your consideration of our views and comments.

Sincerely,

John Hiser
P.O. Box 22
Milledgeville, OH 43142

Phone (740) 948-2230

cc U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown
cc U.S. Senator Rob Portman
cc U.S. Representative Steve Austria
cc U.S. Representative Michael Turner
cc State Representative Bob Peterson

Enclosures: Petitions to save Milledgeville, OH 43142 Post Office

PETITION TO SAVE MILLEDGEVILLE, OH 43142 POST OFFICE

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